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SUBJ: UNGA SPECIAL SESSION: FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR

INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON RAW MATERIALS AND
DEVELOPMENT

REF: USUN 1463

1. MINCOUN ROUGE (FRANCE) ACCOMPANIED BY ROCALVE, ENERGY
ADVISER--PARIS, CALLED ON AMB FERGUSON APRIL 24 TO SEEK
USG VIEWS ON FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR INTERSESSIONAL
COMMITTEE ON RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT.

2. ROUGE OPENED DISCUSSION BY INDICATING FRENCH HAD PAID
GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION TO NUMEROUS SPEECHES SUGGESTING
VARIOUS FORMS OF INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE TO CARRY ON
MOMENTUM OF SPECIAL SESSION. HE ADDED THAT LDC'S IN PARTICULAR
DESIRED SENSE OF PARTICIPATION, WHICH FRENCH THOUGHT QUITE
LEGITIMATE. RESPONDING TO SUCH CONSIDERATIONS, FRENCH
HAD PRODUCED DRAFT ON INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE AND ALWO
FOLLOW-UP "WATCHTOWER" INSTITUTION. ROUGE ADDED THAT HE HAD
DISCUSSED INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE PROPOSAL ON INFORMAL
BASIS WITH ALGERIAN PERM REP RAHAL, IRANIAN PERM REP
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HOVEYA, IN ADDITION TO OTHER EEC MEMBERS.

3. AMB FERGUSON SAID WE WERE AWAITING WASHINGTON'S REACTION TO THE PROPOSAL. WHEN THAT REACTION HAD BEEN RECEIVED WE WOULD BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH FRENCH PROPOSAL WITH MORE "PRECISION" AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL OF THE NUANCES RAISED. AMB FERGUSON INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT AS A STRICTLY PERSONAL VIEW HE SENSED THAT PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4, WHICH TOUCH UPON MATTER OF ENERGY AND PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH ENERGY MATTERS, WERE "SENSITIVE" ITEMS. AMB FERGUSON AGREED, HOWEVER, EN PRINCIPE, THAT THERE WAS OBVIOUS NEED FOR GENERAL FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM AND THAT IT WOULD APPEAR THAT WE AND FRENCH HAD SAME GENERAL OBJECTIVES IN MIND. HE PROMISED THAT AS SOON AS WASHINGTON'S REACTION RECEIVED WE MIGHT SIT DOWN TOGETHER WITH OTHERS WHO HAVE MADE SIMILAR PROPOSALS AND EXCHANGE VIEWS AS TO THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE WAY OF ACHIEVING OUR VARIOUS GOALS.

4. ROUGE REITERATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO BE RESPONSIVE TO CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN NUMEROUS SPEECHES AND LOOKED FORWARD TO FOLLOW-UP CONSULTATIONS WITH US AND OTHERS.
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